

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 169

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Rick Insell upon his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Rick Insell, who has devoted his career to the education and instruction of young students and athletes and on July 4, 2007, Mr. Insell will be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Insell, who won a record ten Tennessee girls state basketball titles at Shelbyville Central High, will be the fourth coach from Tennessee to be inducted into the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Insell's perseverance, dedication, and inspiration both on the court and off have earned him the respect and gratitude of his peers, his students, his players, and his community. In a coaching career spanning twenty-eight years, he has accumulated an astounding .840 winning high school percentage with 775 wins and 148 losses; and

WHEREAS, his Shelbyville players won four consecutive titles from 1989 to 1992, which remains a Tennessee record; they also won 110 straight games from 1987 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, with five runner-up titles, Rick Insell either won a state title or finished runner-up in fifteen of his twenty-eight seasons at Shelbyville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Insell has received many awards and accolades during his illustrious career as a coach, including being named National Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991, by *USA Today*; and

WHEREAS, Rick Insell was hired in 2005 to take over the women's team at his alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University; the Blue Raiders entered the 2007 NCAA tournament after matching their highest seed ever at number five, and owning the nation's longest winning streak at twenty-six games, earning the school's first ranking in *The Associated Press* poll; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rick Insell, as a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mentor the State's athletes, guiding them with solid principles and high standards; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Rick Insell in congratulating him upon his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame, honor and commend him for his substantial legacy as a coach, and offer our best wishes for many more stellar seasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.